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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Mjalli et al.

Examiner:

BADIO, Barbara

Application No.: 10/611,741

Group Art Unit: 1616

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Title: METHOD FOR THE SYNTHESIS OF COMPOUNDS OF
FORMULA I AND THEIR USES THEREOF

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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.183

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request suspension of the rules under 37 CFR §1.183 in connection with the enclosed supplemental Oath/Declaration. In particular, as indicated in MPEP 603.01, Applicants respectfully request that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office suspend the rules in regard to having all inventors execute the enclosed supplemental Oath/Declaration, the reason for the request being as follows. Kwasi S. Avor, one of the inventors of the instant invention, died on January 8, 2004 and thus, Mr. Avor is unavailable to execute the supplemental Oath/Declaration. In lieu of Mr. Avor's signature and as proof of Mr. Avor's death, Applicants herein submit a copy of the death certificate from Guilford County, North Carolina. Applicants respectfully request suspension of the rules for this reason.

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Applicants herein submit the fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(h). Should an additional fee be deemed to be necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to

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charge any fees required by this action or any future action to Deposit Account No. 16-1435.

Should the Examiner or the Decider of Petitions have any questions relating to the instant application, the Examiner or the Decider of Petitions is invited to telephone the undersigned at (336) 607-7486 to discuss this petition or any other issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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